

State of Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners

REGULAR MEETING

October 26, 2005

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Deborah Malone, L.Ac., Chairman
Toni Karnas, Public Member
Della Estrada, L.Ac., Professional Member (by phone)
Yong Deng, L.Ac., Professional Member
Joe Balensi, L.Ac. Professional Member

Board Members Absent:

Martha Grout, MD., Secretary
Lal Fernando, Public Member
(pending appointment of two members)

Attorney General Representative:

Elizabeth Burns, Assistant Attorney General

Administrative Staff:

Pete Gonzalez, Executive Director

1. Call To Order

Chairman Malone called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and moved Agenda Item 7C, Five-Year Review Report on Board Rules, to the beginning of the meeting and asked former Executive Director of the Board Allen Imig to assist in the explanation of this report. The Board discussed a number of suggested changes to the report and instructed the Executive Director to make the changes before the report is submitted.

Chairman Malone made a motion approving the report and transmittal.

The motion was seconded by Board Member Balensi. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

2. Review, discuss, and vote – Regular Meeting Minutes

Board Member Estrada made a motion approving the September 28, 2005 Regular Meeting minutes.

The motion was seconded by Board Member Deng. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

3. Complaints/Investigations – Review, Discussion and Action

No complaints were reviewed.

4. Consideration of Applicants for Licensure – Review, Discussion and Action

Board Member Balensi made a motion to approve licensure for applicants A through I:

- A. Linda J. Asbury
- B. Steven R. Boyd
- C. Elizabeth Gomes
- D. Mary Houge
- E. Karen Kaufman
- F. Kevin Kral
- G. David Salkin
- H. Jennifer Sandoval
- I. Jungin Wertz
- J. Sheryl Roe

Board Member Deng seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

The Executive Director provided the Board with an explanation of the application submitted by Sheryl Roe. Ms. Roe answered “yes” to one of the questions found in the license application –whether the applicant has been denied or refused a license to practice acupuncture in another state. The Executive Director informed the Board of this response and explained the situation and provided evidence, submitted by Ms. Roe, that her answer to the question was a result of not having passed the exam in Texas so she was not issued a license. The content found in the Texas exam includes herbs and is quite different from the Arizona requirements for licensure, but Ms. Roe did pass the National Certification Commission NCCAOM examination.

Board Member Balensi made a motion to approve licensure for Sheryl Roe.

Board Member Deng seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

5. Consideration of Applicants for Auricular Certification – Review, Discussion and Action

Board Member Balensi made a motion to approve certificates for:

- A. Angelina Garcia
- B. Barbara Grinnell
- C. Tina Hernandez
- D. Irene Aksel
- E. Alejandro Blumenkron

Board Member Deng seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

6. Consideration of Other Applications – Review, Discussion and Action

None at this time.

7. Professional Business – Review, Discussion and Action

- A. Legislative committee report—No Report
- B. Rules committee report—No Report
- C. Five-Year Review on Board Rules—this item was addressed at the beginning of the meeting
- D. Discussion on Renewal of Licenses and Certificates (Arizona Revised Statutes 32-3925 & R4-8-204)

Board Member Deng explained his reasons for bringing this item for Board consideration. He stated that many states has 2 year renewal cycles which provides licensed practitioners the opportunity to attend continuing education (ceu's) offerings during their trips throughout the year and can utilize these ceu's for license renewal. The present one year renewal requirement many times does not permit an individual to use these ceu's because they were not taken during the 12 months prior to renewal as set forth in Arizona.

Another item discussed was the idea of having ceu's carry over into the next year's renewal requirement. At the present time, some licensee's submit evidence of having taken over the required amount (15 ceu's) for renewal and remainder of ceu's are not used and therefore go unaccounted. The question is—can we explore the idea of having these additional ceu's considered for future renewals.

The Executive Director was asked to prepare a letter for the purpose of gaining some feedback from licensee renewals as to the thought of having a two-year renewal period

and the carry over of ceu's. The results of this inquiry could be used by the legislative or rules committee to consider for the coming year.

8. Executive Director Report

The Executive Director reviewed the correspondence from the Office of the Auditor General that indicates the Board's sunset review has been changed and will begin in the summer of 2007.

Chairman Malone and the Executive Director provided the Board with a report on the Federation of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Regulatory Agencies (FAOMRA) meeting held in Chicago, Oct. 20-21, 2005. A major topic discussed at the meeting centered on the ACAOM Doctoral Task Force findings and recommendations which may have some impact in all states. Briefings were made at the meeting by a host of national organizations such as the CCAOM, AAOM (American Association of Oriental Medicine), AOM (Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine) Alliance, and NCCAOM.

Board member were provided with materials from the meeting produced by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) which contains some useful and timely information.

Executive Director Gonzalez also announced that he has been elected to serve as vice president of the FAOMRA organization. The membership of this organization is constituted of the nation's executive directors and administrators of boards with oversight and regulatory responsibilities in the area of acupuncture and oriental medicine.

9. Future Agenda Items -- Review, Discussion and Action

None provided at this time.

10. Future Meeting Dates – Review, Discussion and Action

November 16, 2005 **(moved to a teleconference meeting on November 30 at 1 pm.)**

December 21, 2005 **(revised at August 2005 meeting)**

Board Member Balensi made a motion to move the November 16 meeting to a November 30, 2005 teleconference meeting.

Board Member Deng seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5 – 0

11. Call to the Public

Ms. Catherine A. Koehne addressed the Board and expressed her concerns with the date of the November board meeting. She has taken the national exams and results will not be available in time for the Board to take action (issue license) so she is asking the Board to reconsider their November board meeting date of November 16, 2005.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m. following a motion by Board Member Balensi and was seconded by Board Member Deng. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Gonzalez
Executive Director